

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Commodity Boards

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Commodity Boards which are instrumental in gainfully exploiting our national resources besides employment generation and boosting of our economy;
- (b) the estimated employment generation and yearly turn-over of these Boards, board-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any further study to create more such boards, particularly to exploit huge tract of bamboo resources; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): There are five statutory Commodity Boards viz. Tea Board, Coffee Board, Rubber Board, Spices Board and Tobacco Board under the Department of Commerce which facilitate production, development and export of tea, coffee, rubber, spices and tobacco. These Boards are non commercial organizations. They receive Government Grants for implementation of various Schemes in the respective sectors. They have limited number of employees for implementation and supervision of these schemes. However, estimated total direct and indirect employment in these sectors is given below:

(Figures in lakh persons)

Sector Tea Coffee Rubber Spices Tobacco

Estimated Employment 11.28 12.00 6.50 50.00 38.00

(c) & (d): There is no proposal at present for creating more boards. To exploit huge tract of bamboo resources, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a National Bamboo Mission, as a sub-scheme of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). The National Bamboo Mission envisages promoting holistic growth of bamboo sector. Constitution of separate boards may result in multiplication of agencies and programmes.
